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73236
Amendment 1

March 4, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AS-NEEDED DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve amending Contract No 73236 for As-Needed Demolition and Removal of Substandard Structures services with Interior Demolition, Inc., located in Tujunga, California, to enable this contract to continue on a month-to-month basis for up to six months starting on April 6, 2004, while Public Works completes the solicitation process for a replacement contract and the contractor completes cleaning up fire damaged homes created by last year's extensive forest fire in the Claremont area.
2. Authorize the Director of Public works to execute the enclosed sample amendment upon proper execution by the contractor and approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On February 6, 2001, Synopsis 31, your Board approved Contract No. 73236 with Interior Demolition, Inc., for "As-Needed Demolition and Removal of Substandard Structures." The contract was for an initial one-year period beginning February 6, 2001, with renewal options through April 5, 2004. The purpose of this action is to continue

these services on a month-to-month basis starting April 6, 2004, for up to six months while cleanup of 2003 firestorm damage is completed and Public Works completes the solicitation process for a replacement contract.

Unusual demolition requirements arose following last year's extensive forest fires. The wildfires destroyed 54 homes in the unincorporated area of Claremont, 44 of which were in Palmer Canyon. Because we are in the middle of the annual storm season, regular flooding in the canyon continues to have a negative impact on the cleanup effort. It is likely that these conditions will not improve until the end of the storm season in April.

The contractor's work is ongoing as rain and muddy conditions allow. The contractor has provided estimates to remove burned structures throughout these areas that were accepted by Public Works. Although the contract will expire April 5, 2004, the contractor requires approximately three additional months to complete this work. Continuity of contract services in performing the demolition work is desirable to expedite its completion.

In addition, Public Works requires additional time, not to exceed six months, to complete a solicitation process to replace the expiring contract. This process will be completed expeditiously. Extending the contract from month to month enables Public Works to terminate the contract upon approval of the new agreement.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Organizational Effectiveness and Children and Families' Well-Being by using the contractor's expertise to complete fire cleanup in a timely and effective manner that will ensure the safety of local residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds exist in the current contract to cover the cost of the extension period.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Except as noted above, this amendment will substantially follow the enclosed form and continue the contract's current terms, specifications, and conditions. The amendment will be executed by the Director in accordance with your Board's authorization only upon proper execution by the contractor and approval as to form by County Counsel.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this amendment will continue the current contract services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this Board letter.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

SAMPLE AMENDMENT 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 73236

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS: Contract No. 73236 was entered into between the County of Los Angeles (County) and INTERIOR DEMOLITION, INC. (Contractor), on February 6, 2001, to provide as-needed demolition and removal of substandard structures at various locations throughout the said County, and is due to expire on April 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS: The County desires to continue the service on a month-to-month basis for up to six months at the current prices while completing the solicitation process for a new contract; and

WHEREAS: The Contractor is willing to provide the service on a month-to-month basis; and

WHEREAS: The County has adopted the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and a policy regarding no payment for services delivered following the expiration or termination of a contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these facts and payment to be made by the County, the County and the Contractor agree that Contract No. 73236 between them shall be amended as follows:

FIRST: The parties agree to amend the Contract to continue the service on a month-to-month basis, at the sole discretion of the Director of Public Works, not to exceed six months beginning on April 6, 2004.

SECOND: The Contractor shall be compensated from month to month at the current rates in accordance with Part I, Sections 5 and 6 of the Contract.

THIRD: The Contractor shall have no claim against the County for payment of any money or reimbursement of any kind whatsoever for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should the Contractor receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify the County and shall immediately repay all such funds to the County. Payment by the County for services rendered after expiration or other termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of the County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

FOURTH: The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit A of this Amendment and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org for printing purposes.

FIFTH: The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is

the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its Subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used.

SIXTH: All other terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications of the original Contract and prior amendments shall remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has, by order of its Board of Supervisors, caused these presents to be subscribed by the Director of Public Works, and the contractor has subscribed its name by and through its duly authorized officers, as of the day, month, and year first written above.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy

INTERIOR DEMOLITION, INC.

By _____
Its President

By _____
Its Secretary

No shame.

No blame.

No names.

**Newborns can be safely given up
at any Los Angeles County
hospital emergency room or fire station.**



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This initiative is also supported by First 5 LA and INFO LINE of Los Angeles.

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents to give up their baby confidentially. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, parents may give up their newborn without fear of arrest or prosecution.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially and safely give up a baby within three days of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a Los Angeles County emergency room or fire station. As long as the child shows no signs of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, workers will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their newborns within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

In most cases, a parent will bring in the baby. The law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have legal custody.

Does the parent have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so long as the parent gives the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does a parent have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital personnel will ask the parent to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the child. Although encouraged, filling out the questionnaire is not required.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment, if needed. Then the baby will be placed in a pre-adoptive home.

What happens to the parent?

Once the parent(s) has safely turned over the baby, they are free to go.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned by their parents and potentially being hurt or killed. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. The parents who committed these acts may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their infants. Abandoning a baby puts the child in extreme danger. It is also illegal. Too often, it results in the baby's death. Because of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, this tragedy doesn't ever have to happen in California again.

A baby's story

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002, a healthy newborn baby was brought to St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino under the provisions of the California Safely Surrendered Baby Law. As the law states, the baby's mother did not have to identify herself. When the baby was brought to the emergency room, he was examined by a pediatrician, who determined that the baby was healthy and doing fine. He was placed with a loving family while the adoption process was started.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a newborn, let her know there are other options.

It is best that women seek help to receive proper medical care and counseling while they are pregnant. But at the same time, we want to assure parents who choose not to keep their baby that they will not go to jail if they deliver their babies to safe hands in any Los Angeles County hospital ER or fire station.

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin peligro.

**Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados
en forma segura en la sala de emergencia de
cualquier hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos
del Condado de Los Angeles.**



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Esta Iniciativa tambien esta apollada por First 5 LA y INFO LINE de Los Angeles.

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro de California permite a los padres entregar a su recién nacido confidencialmente. Siempre que el bebé no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, padres pueden entregar a su recién nacido sin temor a ser arrestados o procesados.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura, dentro de los tres días del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de una sala de emergencias o de un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre recibirá un brazalete igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden empezar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles, al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

En la mayoría de los casos, los padres son los que llevan al bebé. La ley permite que otras personas lleven al bebé si tienen la custodia legal del menor.

¿Los padres deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre puede llevar a su bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, mientras que entregue a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o de un cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital le pedirá que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para los cuidados que recibirá el bebé. Es recomendado llenar este cuestionario, pero no es obligatorio hacerlo.

¿Qué ocurrirá con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y, de ser necesario, recibirá tratamiento médico. Luego el bebé se entregará a un hogar preadoptivo.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre?

Una vez que los padres hayan entregado a su bebé en forma segura, serán libres de irse.

¿Por qué California hace esto?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés del abandono por parte de sus padres y de la posibilidad de que mueran o sufran daños. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Es posible que los padres que cometieron estos actos hayan estado atravesando dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus recién nacidos porque tenían miedo y no tenían adonde recurrir para obtener ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido lo pone en una situación de peligro extremo. Además es ilegal. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. Ahora, gracias a la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro, esta tragedia ya no debe suceder nunca más en California.

Historia de un bebé

A las 8:30 a.m. del jueves 25 de julio de 2002, se entregó un bebé recién nacido saludable en el St. Bernardine Medical Center en San Bernardino, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro. Como lo establece la ley, la madre del bebé no se tuvo que identificar. Cuando el bebé llegó a la sala de emergencias, un pediatra lo revisó y determinó que el bebé estaba saludable y no tenía problemas. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia, mientras se iniciaban los trámites de adopción.

**Cada recién nacido merece una
oportunidad de tener una vida saludable.
Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando
en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele
qué otras opciones tiene.**

Es mejor que las mujeres busquen ayuda para recibir atención médica y asesoramiento adecuado durante el embarazo. Pero al mismo tiempo, queremos asegurarles a los padres que optan por no quedarse con su bebé que no irán a la cárcel si dejan a sus bebés en buenas manos en cualquier sala de emergencia de un hospital o en un cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles.